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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
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Re: *Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*  
Docket No. 00-00053

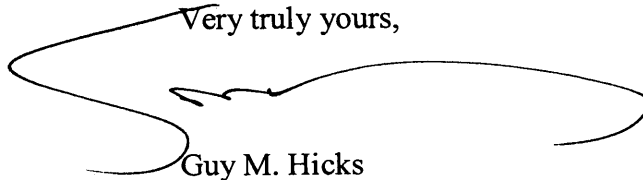
Dear Mr. Waddell:

On May 19, 2000, US LEC filed a motion to defer this proceeding for an additional 90 days in order to consider whether or not to opt into another interconnection agreement. This is to confirm that the parties have agreed to defer the arbitration proceeding for 30 days from today, and to extend the statutory deadline for resolution of this proceeding by a commensurate time period.

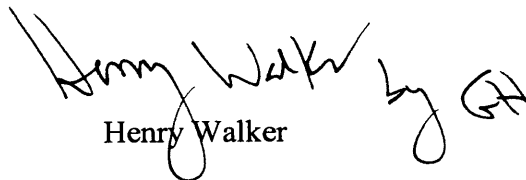
US LEC also filed its response to BellSouth's petition for arbitration on May 19, 2000. In its response, US LEC alleged an additional set of issues which it claims need to be resolved. At such time as a pre-hearing conference is scheduled, the parties have agreed to request the opportunity discuss with the Hearing Officer the appropriate procedural mechanism for BellSouth to respond to the additional matters raised in US LEC's response.

Mr. Henry Walker, counsel for US LEC has authorized me to sign this letter on his behalf.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks



Henry Walker

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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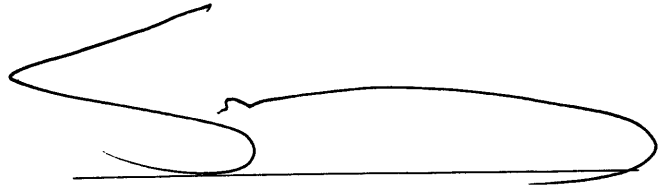
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